

ATTACHMENT 11

**Exhibit
DX 0289**

From: kmay@restorerobotics.com
To: [Virani, Jitendra](#)
Cc: [An, Je Hi](#)
Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:08:46 PM
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CDR Virani,

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Regards,

Kevin

Kevin May

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From: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 6:39 PM
To: kmay@restorerobotics.com
Cc: An, Je Hi <Je.An@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

Thank you Kevin for the update with your below email. We noticed that you have the following statement on your website: "da Vinci® and Intuitive® are registered trademarks of Intuitive Corporation. Restore Robotics is not affiliated with Intuitive®." Based on the information you provided with your below email, we do not think this statement is relevant on your website. Can you please update your website to remove this statement or provide your rationale on why it is needed?

Thanks.

Jit

From: kmay@restorerobotics.com <kmay@restorerobotics.com>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 4:27 PM

To: Virani, Jitendra <jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>

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CDR Virani,

We have met with our regulatory consultants and are working on our response.

I need to get our CEO Clif Parker involved in our response. He has been extremely busy, as we are working on travel, work issues, taking care of our hospitals in this time of need and crafting company policy regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

I will do my best to have a target date for you later this week.

Best Regards,

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CDR Virani,

We are a very small company. We are meeting with our Regulatory consultant tomorrow. We will provide you a target date by this Friday.

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From: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>
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To: kmay@restorerobotics.com
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Thank you Kevin. Can you please provide an estimate on date by which you can provide us with the requested information?

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To: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

Dear CDR Virani,

We have received your email and we are working on our response to satisfy your inquiries .

Best regards,

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From: Virani, Jitendra <jitendra.virani@fda.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 10:46 AM

To: kmay@restorerobotics.com

Subject: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

Dear Kevin,

My name is CDR Jitendra Virani and moving forward I will be your FDA contact person for the issues being discussed in the below email chain.

Thank you for your email response on February 27th, 2020 . As previously discussed, Restore Robotics believes the activities performed on hospital-owned equipment devices constitute repair. We would like to better understand the activities you perform as it is important to make sure the repair activities do not significantly change the performance or safety specifications, or intended use as described in 21 CFR 820.3(w). We are asking for the following information to confirm that your activities do not require a 510(k) or constitute other regulatory requirements.

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continue to provide this service, please provide information on how many additional uses you extend the lives of the devices and how you confirm it remains safe and effective for its intended use (i.e. the performance and safety specifications are not significantly changed from the original performance and safety specifications).

5. Do you perform any verification or validation activity(ies) before, during, or after repairing/servicing a device? If so, please describe them. If not, please provide a rationale as to why they are not needed.

Thank you for continuing to work with us. We look forward to your responses and are happy to discuss any clarifications if needed.

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Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 4:31 PM

To: An, Je Hi <Je.An@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Follow up from FDA

Dr. An,

Thank you for your call and email. Restore Robotics is an independent service organization in the business of repairing hospital-owned medical devices. We do not sell any medical devices or take ownership of any medical devices sent to us for repairs. Restore Robotics only performs repairs of hospital-owned equipment. We do not perform cleaning or sterilization services of the medical devices. The repaired medical devices are returned non-sterile. Repaired devices must be cleaned

and sterilized by the hospital facility per the original manufacturer's instructions prior to use.

Restore Robotics receives a request from the hospital in the form of a purchase order or request for repair. We then repair the device per the hospital's request. The ownership of the device is always maintained by the hospital. The exact same device is returned after the repair to the hospital non-sterile. The hospital must process the device per manufacturer's instructions prior to use.

We believe that our services meet the definition of repair in the May 2018 FDA Report on the Quality, Safety, and effectiveness of Servicing of Medical Devices, in accordance with Section 710 of the Food and Drug Administration Reauthorization Act of 2017 (FDARA). The device ownership is always maintained by the hospital. The repairs are done at the request of the hospital. No cleaning or sterilization is taking place. Therefore, we believe no 510(k) is needed for our operations.

In an abundance of caution, we have streamlined our website www.restorerobotics.com to reinforce the fact that we are solely in the business of providing repairs to hospitals seeking independent third-party service for their hospital-owned medical devices.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Regards,

Kevin

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From: An, Je Hi <je.An@fda.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 11:44 AM

To: kmay@restorerobotics.com

Subject: Follow up from FDA

Dear Mr. May,

We spoke on the phone today regarding Restore Robotics' activities and I wanted to follow up with you via email to summarize our conversation.

You state on your website www.restorerobotics.com that you restore robotic instruments and extend the lives of these instruments than the intended limit. Based on this information, we believe that a 510(k) is needed before you continue your operation.

You stated that you would provide within a week from today further description of your activities (for example, restoration of instruments) and an explanation of why a 510(k) is not needed.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Je Hi

Je Hi An, Ph.D.

Biomedical Engineer

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DPLC Allegation Assessment Review Memorandum

Digital Reviewer Signature:

Jitendra V. Virani -S Digitally signed by Jitendra V. Virani -S
Date: 2023.06.10 14:28:27 -0400

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| Date (insert the date the allegation was received) | 7/1/2023 |
| First Name (insert the name and address of the firm) | Device Software |
| Owner /Website Address (if applicable) | www.mccommsolutions.com |
| FEI Number: | NA |
| Device Name: | Device Software - End User Support/consulting (Original manufacturer device is not for sale) |
| Subject (insert a short description of the device) | Personal Communication for party device without 31002 |
| CTS Number(s) | 31000137 |
| CMS Number(s) (insert date) | NA |
| TECHNICAL ANALYSIS | REGULATORY SUPPORTIVE COMMENTS (where applicable) |
| (b) (5) | |
| NEW LANE QUESTIONS | REGULATORY SUPPORTIVE COMMENTS (where applicable) |
| (b) (5) | (b) (5) |
| DISCUSSIONS | REGULATORY SUPPORTIVE COMMENTS (where applicable) |
| (b) (5) | |

| EXTANT UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS | | EXTANT REVEALS STRUCTURAL CONSIDERATIONS (where applicable) | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
| (b) (5) | | (b) (5) | |

| Benefit | Risk | | |
|---------|-------|-------|------|
| | Major | Minor | None |
| | Major | | |
| | Minor | | |

Benefit/Risk based on comparison to non-representative

Benefit/Risk

US Recommendations/Notes

| Interventions | Outcomes | Recommendations |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Adaptive not supported | Adaptive Needed (No Hold) | Adaptive procedure for Warning Level |
| Zone Restricted | Is How Close to One Another Corner (No Hold) | Adaptive procedure for Critical Level |
| Monitor | How to Another Corner (No Hold) | Regulatory Monitoring |
| Archive | How to Monitor | Regulatory Alert |
| | How to Regulatory Active (warning, intervention, etc.) | |

| ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATIONS | |
|--|---|
| Comments: | Provide a brief summary and analysis of the information received from all sources, which is to be used in the decision that requires a response for the final recommendations that are derived below. |
| Completion: | Adaptive Review Schedule is recommended by [redacted] without their authority. Further action is recommended for the device in order to extend their use beyond the number of times for which they have been validated. |
| Dr. Katherine E. Bithaus, Consumer Safety Officer (DHS/ISA/OS/17) provided consultation during the review of this document. Dr. Bithaus has expertise in the regulations and CDRH policies around repair services in remanufacturing. | |
| The main issue to address here was to figure out if what Raxson Robotics was doing was remanufacturing, which would require a 510(k), or repairing/repairing, which would not require a 510(k). | |
| According to 21 CFR 820.3 (a), remanufacture means any process that processes, conditions, assembles, repackages, restores, or does any other act to a finished device that significantly changes the finished device's performance or safety specifications, or intended use. | |
| Based on the information on the website, it appeared they were remanufacturing. A phone call was held with the sponsor on February 20, 2020 to seek further clarification. During this call and in a follow up email dated February 27, 2020, the sponsor stated that Raxson Robotics follows the activities performed on the repair manual equipment device construction report. | |
| The FDA did not find the sponsor provided adequate information to support their claim they were repairing the device. A follow-up call was made to the sponsor on March 7 requesting more information. | |
| We would like to better understand the activities you perform or it is important to make sure the repair activities do not significantly change the performance or safety specifications, as intended use or described in 21 CFR 820.3 (a). We are asking for the following information to make sure your activities do not require a 510(k) or constitute other regulatory requirements. | |
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| 2. For each device, please describe the specific tasks that are conducted as a part of repairing/repairing? | |
| 3. How do you currently assess "Robotic Presentation Maintenance and Repair"? Please describe what activities are performed as a part of presentation maintenance versus repair of the robotic device? | |
| 4. How do you currently assess Raxson Robotics' overall the flow of these processes beyond the FDA stated test? Do you have any data to support your claims? This is not a self-assessment; we are larger parties (the activity)? If you continue to provide this service, please provide information on how many additional cases you expect the flow of the device and how you confirm it remains safe and effective for its intended use (i.e., the performance and safety specifications are not significantly changed from the original performance and safety specifications). | |
| 5. Do you perform any verification or validation activities (e.g., before, during, or after repairing/repairing a device)? If so, please describe them. If not, please provide a rationale as to why they are not needed. | |
| [Redacted] | |
| The sponsor's website was reviewed, and it was confirmed they had received all information related to robotic repair/repair/remanufacturing. Please, this case is considered to be resolved at this time. Dr. Bithaus also agreed with this assessment. | |

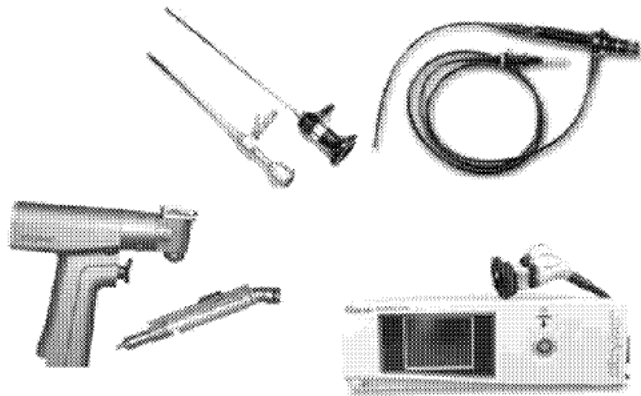
From: [Bittelman, Katelyn](#)
To: [Virani, Jitendra](#)
Cc: [An, Je Hi](#); [Chen, Long H](#); [Silverstein, Joshua](#)
Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:56:21 PM
Attachments: [image021.png](#)
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[image004.png](#)

Hi Jit,

I finally got to reviewing Restore Robotics response and their current website. Sorry for the delay. I don't see any references to robotic medical device repairs. (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

Restore Robotics "Home" page:



Medical Device Repairs

- Ventilators
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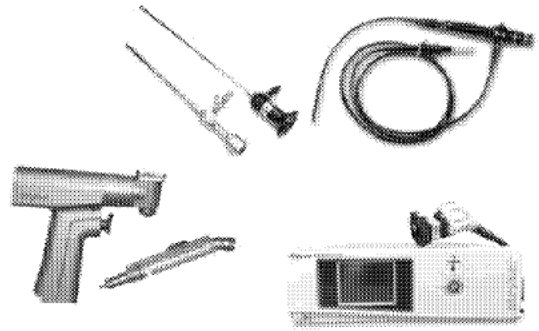
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-Katelyn

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Hi Katelyn,

Please see most recent email from Restore Robotics informing us (b) (4)

However, their website still states, "Personal Protective Equipment & Robotic and Medical Device Repairs" and further state the following:

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From: kmay@restorerobotics.com <kmay@restorerobotics.com>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 12:17 AM

To: Virani, Jitendra <jitendra.virani@fda.hhs.gov>

Cc: An, Je Hi <je.an@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

CDR Virani,

We have met with our regulatory consultants and are working on our response.

I need to get our CEO Clif Parker involved in our response. He has been extremely busy, as we are working on travel, work issues, taking care of our hospitals in this time of need and crafting company policy regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

I will do my best to have a target date for you later this week.

Best Regards,

Kevin

Kevin May

Restore Robotics

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From: Virani, Jitendra <jitendra.virani@fda.hhs.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:12 AM

To: kmay@restorerobotics.com

Cc: An, Je Hi <je.an@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

Thank you Kevin for the update.

Sincerely,

CDR Jitendra Virani
Team Lead

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From: kmay@restorerobotics.com <kmay@restorerobotics.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 1:59 PM

To: Virani, Jitendra <jitendra.virani@fda.hhs.gov>

Cc: An, Je Hi <Je.An@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

CDR Virani,

We are a very small company. We are meeting with our Regulatory consultant tomorrow. We will provide you a target date by this Friday.

Best Regards,

Kevin

Kevin May

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From: Virani, Jitendra <jitendra.virani@fda.hhs.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:31 AM

To: kmay@restorerobotics.com

Cc: An, Je Hi <Je.An@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

Thank you Kevin. Can you please provide an estimate on date by which you can provide us with the requested information?

Thanks.

Jit

CDR Jitendra Virani

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From: kmay@restorerobotics.com <kmay@restorerobotics.com>

Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 3:06 PM

To: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

Dear CDR Virani,

We have received your email and we are working on our response to satisfy your inquiries .

Best regards,

Kevin

Kevin May

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From: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 10:46 AM
To: kmay@restorerobotics.com
Subject: Restore Robotics -- Request for More Information

Dear Kevin,

My name is CDR Jitendra Virani and moving forward I will be your FDA contact person for the issues being discussed in the below email chain.

Thank you for your email response on February 27th, 2020 . As previously discussed, Restore Robotics believes the activities performed on hospital-owned equipment devices constitute repair. We would like to better understand the activities you perform as it is important to make sure the repair activities do not significantly change the performance or safety specifications, or intended use as described in 21 CFR 820.3(w). We are asking for the following information to confirm that your activities do not require a 510(k) or constitute other regulatory requirements.

1. What specific devices do you repair? Please provide the device trade names and original manufacturer names.
2. For each device, please describe the specific tasks that are conducted as a part of repairing/servicing?
3. Your website currently states, "Robotic Preventative Maintenance and Repair." Please describe what activities are performed as a part of preventative maintenance versus repair of the robotic devices?
4. Your website previously stated Restore Robotics extends the lives of these instruments beyond the OEM stated limit. We no longer see this statement on your website. Was it removed/edited because you no longer perform this activity? If you continue to provide this service, please provide information on how many additional uses you extend the lives of the devices and how you confirm it remains safe and effective for its intended use (i.e. the performance and safety specifications are not significantly changed from the original performance and safety specifications).
5. Do you perform any verification or validation activity(ies) before, during, or after repairing/servicing a device? If so, please describe them. If not, please provide a rationale as to why they are not needed.

Thank you for continuing to work with us. We look forward to your responses and are happy to discuss any clarifications if needed.

Sincerely,

CDR Jitendra Virani
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From: kmay@restorerobotics.com <kmay@restorerobotics.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 4:31 PM

To: An, Je Hi <Je.An@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Follow up from FDA

Dr. An,

Thank you for your call and email. Restore Robotics is an independent service organization in the business of repairing hospital-owned medical devices. We do not sell any medical devices or take ownership of any medical devices sent to us for repairs. Restore Robotics only performs repairs of hospital-owned equipment. We do not perform cleaning or sterilization services of the medical devices. The repaired medical devices are returned non-sterile. Repaired devices must be cleaned and sterilized by the hospital facility per the original manufacturer's instructions prior to use.

Restore Robotics receives a request from the hospital in the form of a purchase order or request for repair. We then repair the device per the hospital's request. The ownership of the device is always maintained by the hospital. The exact same device is returned after the repair to the hospital non-sterile. The hospital must process the device per manufacturer's instructions prior to use.

We believe that our services meet the definition of repair in the [May 2018 FDA Report on the Quality, Safety, and effectiveness of Servicing of Medical Devices, in accordance with Section 710 of the Food and Drug Administration Reauthorization Act of 2017 \(FDARA\)](#). The device ownership is always maintained by the hospital. The repairs are done at the request of the hospital. No cleaning or sterilization is taking place. Therefore, we believe no 510(k) is needed for our operations.

In an abundance of caution, we have streamlined our website www.restorerobotics.com to reinforce the fact that we are solely in the business of providing repairs to hospitals seeking independent third-party service for their hospital-owned medical devices.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Regards,

Kevin

Kevin May

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From: An, Je Hi <Je.An@fda.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 11:44 AM

To: kmay@restorerobotics.com

Subject: Follow up from FDA

Dear Mr. May,

We spoke on the phone today regarding Restore Robotics' activities and I wanted to follow up with you via email to summarize our conversation.

You state on your website www.restorerobotics.com that you restore robotic instruments and extend the lives of these instruments than the intended limit. Based on this information, we believe that a 510(k) is needed before you continue your operation.

You stated that you would provide within a week from today further description of your activities (for example, restoration of instruments) and an explanation of why a 510(k) is not needed.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Je Hi

Je Hi An, Ph.D.

Biomedical Engineer

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Am I allowed to use a Third Party for this service?

The recent US Supreme Court ruling regarding Lexmark provides the legal right to use a 3rd party for repairs. In a nutshell, if you paid for it no one can tell you who you can use to repair it.

These are Limited-Use devices – is it within regulatory compliance to restore and re-use them?

The FDA recognizes only two types of use cases: single use and multiple use. These devices are classified as multiple use by the FDA.

Why does it still stop at 10 uses – Can't you extend that?

The 10-use protocol is part of the robot's software governing its "willingness" to allow the tool to be utilized. The robot's software is not something we can alter.

Will I get back the same tool that I sent in to be restored?

You will get back the tool that you submitted unless it fails during the testing phase.

How many times can a device be restored?

We have tested the instruments for 5 restore cycles without failure.

Do I need to ship in any special manner?

Common sense packaging is all that is needed and shipping by Ground is acceptable for these devices. For simplicity we recommend that while retrieving a new device from inventory that you place the device to be restored in its box and ship once you have accumulated several devices – perhaps every 2-4 weeks depending on the volume of units to be restored.

From: Virani, Jitendra
To: CDRH Device Allegations
Cc: Gomes, John; An, Je Hi; Barnett, Paola
Subject: Supp-doc-OHT4 Request - Unauthorized 3rd Remanufacturing/Repair of (b) (4)
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:57:05 PM
Attachments: Cassandra.Young_013020_143157.pdf
(b) (4)

Dear Allegation Team:

OPEQ received the attached letter from (b) (4). This letter informs FDA about 3rd parties remanufacturing (b) (4) devices.

OHT4 reviews these devices and will work on this allegation. Can you please log this as allegation and send it forward to OHT4 soon? We would like to start working on this as soon as possible. (b) (5)

(b) (5)

(b) (5)

Thank You.
Jit

CDR Jitendra Virani
Acting Assistant Director

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From: Virani, Jitendra
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 12:38 PM
To: CDRH-OPEQ-OHT4-DHT4A1-All <CDRH-OPEQ-OHT4-DHT4A1-All@fda.hhs.gov>; Carr, Jessica <Jessica.Carr@fda.hhs.gov>; Lee, Anthony <Anthony.Lee1@fda.hhs.gov>; Ardeshipour, Yasaman <Yasaman.Ardeshipour@fda.hhs.gov>; Trumbore, Mark <Mark.Trumbore@fda.hhs.gov>; Gomes, John <John.Gomes@fda.hhs.gov>

Cc: Stevenson, Jennifer R <Jennifer.Stevenson@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: Unauthorized 3rd party repair of (b) (4)

RASD Team:

If you attended the RASD TPLC round presentation yesterday, you may recall Dr. Shuren commented on 3rd parties fixing up (b) (4) and selling back to hospitals. Please see attached document with more information on this topic. We will be working on this in coming days. I will discuss it with OHT4 on how to best address this. My initial thought is to have this get logged as an allegation.

Thanks.

Jit

From: Ashar, Binita S <Binita.Ashar@fda.hhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:49 PM

To: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>

Cc: Stevenson, Jennifer R <Jennifer.Stevenson@fda.hhs.gov>; Korz, Dorian <Dorian.Korz@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: Fwd: RASD

Jit

Please share with RASD team

Thank you

Binita

From: Young, Cassandra <Cassandra.Young@fda.hhs.gov>

Date: January 30, 2020 at 2:33:30 PM EST

To: Ashar, Binita S <Binita.Ashar@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: RASD

Attachment A



Discussion of Risk Management and Liability With Regard to Surgical Robot Instrument Repair

Risk Management

Restore Robotics understood that any interaction with the robot would receive extra scrutiny so we achieved ISO 9001 certification for our repair facility and designed, built and consistently execute the repair process in a manner that has been validated to the highest international standards. These include the following:

1. Repair process flow created according to ISO:13485:2012
2. Repair processes validated according to ISO:13485:2012
3. Compliance with Risk Management and Analysis according to EN ISO 14971:2012 (meets ISO and FDA standards)
4. Compliance to Biocompatibility ISO 10993 Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices
5. Compliance to Medical Electrical Equipment standards IEC 60601
6. Verification reports to Simulated Life Testing according to ISO:13485:2012
7. Software validation according to ISO:13485:2012

Restore Robotics is unaware of any other repair facility that has performed such expensive and comprehensive testing of a repair process.

Furthermore, our service violates none of the standards that could necessitate a 510K. That is to say

- The hospital never loses ownership of the instrument
- We do not sterilize nor do we provide a sterile device after the repair
- There are no changes to the performance or safety specifications of the instrument.
- The devices intended use is not significantly altered
 - The EndoWrist's 510K and IFU denote the instrument as a reusable device and they remain so
 - By the FDA's definition, in order to violate the standard of "significantly altered" we would have to change the EndoWrist into a single use device.

Restore Robotics has more than 2 years of history with repairing EndoWrist instruments with well over 1500 repairs resulting in No adverse events and No communication issues between the repaired instrument and the Da Vinci system.

Liability

Other than the manner in which they are driven (human hand vs mechanics) these devices operate like any other endoscopic instrument hospitals have used for decades, thus Restore Robotics liability would be the same as any other 3rd party company a hospital currently utilizes to perform endoscopic instrument repairs.

Risk Management and Liability RR-004-08-2018

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Repair Center - 4883 E. La Palma Ave, Suite 501B, Anaheim, CA 92807

WWW.RestoreRobotics.Com 678-819-0911



From: Benesch, Bryan H.
To: CDRH Device Allegations
Subject: (b) (5)
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 8:48:24 AM
Attachments: (b) (5)

Creator: Barbara

Name this sheet: HP- Cmpl-Orig- Restore Robotics - Rebotix Repair -
EndoWrist Remanufacturers

Multiple: X Yes 2

Complaint Name: 1 of 2 Restore Robotics - (b) (4)
Remanufacturer

Date Received: 1/31/20

AIMs number: N/A

Supp-Doc Name(s): Supp-doc-Complainants Letter of Allegation,

URLs: <https://www.restorerobotics.com/>

Do **not** add to comments

Keyword: none
Add to CTS

Linkages to eRef: none found
Do not add to CTS

Address:
Add to CTS

Assign to:

Assigned by: Paula

(Notes: do not add to complaint) Please process as HP as requested by OHT4 attached.

Creator: Barbara

Name this sheet: Cmpl-Orig- Restore Robotics - Rebotix Repair -
EndoWrist Remanufacturers

Multiple: X Yes No

Complaint Name: 2 of 2 Rebotix Repair - (b) (4)

Date Received: 1/31/20

AIMs number: N/A

Supp-Doc Name(s): 3 as named

URLs: <https://rebotixrepair.com/>

Do **not** add to comments

Keyword: none
Add to CTS

Linkages to eRef: none found
Do not add to CTS

Address:
Add to CTS

Assign to:

Assigned by: Paula

(Notes: do not add to complaint)

Please enter this as a trade complaint.

Thank you.

Bryan

Bryan H. Benesch
Senior Policy Advisor



Regulation, Policy & Guidance Staff
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This communication is consistent with 21 CFR 10.85(k) and constitutes an informal communication that represents my best judgment at this time but does not constitute an advisory opinion, does not necessarily represent the formal position of FDA, and does not bind or otherwise obligate or commit the agency to the view expressed.

From: (b) (4)

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:45 PM

To: Maisel, William <William.Maisel@fda.hhs.gov>

Cc: Ashar, Binita S <Binita.Ashar@fda.hhs.gov>; Benesch, Bryan H. <Bryan.Benesch@fda.hhs.gov>

Subject: Letter to FDA re: remanufacturing of instruments

Dear Dr. Maisel,

Please find attached a copy of a letter that is also being sent by FedEx to you that addresses our safety concerns regarding remanufacturing activity on our instruments by third parties. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to discussing this issue with you further at your convenience.

Warm Regards,

(b) (4)

(b) (4)

From: CDRH Device Allegations
To: (b) (4)
Subject: Allegations Sent to the FDA - BY - CPT2000125, CPT2000126
Date: Monday, February 10, 2020 10:50:00 AM
Attachments: image001.png



Document Number: CPT2000125,
CPT2000126

Dear (b) (4)

This is in response to your correspondence received into the CDRH Office of Regulatory Programs, Division of Regulatory Programs 3 (Market Intelligence), Allegation of Regulatory Misconduct Team on January 31, 2020.

Thank you for providing this information to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Information from regulated industry and/or complainants is very helpful to us in identifying problems with marketed products and possible violations of the laws that we enforce. We take such reports seriously, and we will evaluate this matter to determine what follow-up action is appropriate. The type and extent of any follow-up is dependent upon the nature of the problem reported, the potential impact on the public health, and the availability of our resources.

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Food and Drug Administration
Freedom of Information Staff
ELEM 1029
12420 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20857

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Allegations of Regulatory Misconduct Team email inbox at CDRHDeviceAllegations@fda.hhs.gov and reference the above document number.

Sincerely yours,

Allegation of Regulatory Misconduct Team
Division of Regulatory Programs 3 (Market Intelligence)
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Location Type: Single Location

Ownership: Private

Year Founded: 2019

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CONSULT REVIEW MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/29/2020

TO: Jitendra Virani, Team Lead
Robotic Assisted Surgical Devices Team,
DHT4A/OHT4/OPEQ/CDRH

FROM: Katelyn Bittleman, Consumer Safety Officer
Neurodiagnostic Devices Team, DHT5A/OHT5/OPEQ/CDRH

SUBJECT: Allegation of Remanufactured Devices

FIRM: Rebotix Repair

DEVICE(S): (b) (4)

CTS TRACKING NUMBER: CPT2000126
CON206059

CONSULT REQUEST:

(b) (4) has submitted an allegation of regulatory misconduct against Rebotix Repair for marketing remanufactured (b) (4) without proper clearance. Rebotix Repair believes their activities do not constitute remanufacturing and therefore do not require premarket notification. The consult request is to determine whether the activities performed by Rebotix Repair constitute remanufacturing and/or require a 510(k).

DEVICE SUMMARY:

(b) (4) refers to a catalog of surgical instruments including scissors, graspers, needle drivers, suction, and cautery instruments compatible with (b) (4). The instruments are reusable, however each instrument is marketed and programmed with a maximum number of surgical procedures based upon life testing.

(b) (4) has a number of 510(k)'s for (b) (4). The cleared Indications for Use for the most recent 510(k) (b) (4) states:

(b) (4)

(b) (4)

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CONSULT EVALUATION:

(b) (5)

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RECOMMENDATION:

Activities performed by Rebotix Repair on the (b) (4) to extend their life and function, significantly change the devices' intended use, constitute remanufacturing, and require premarket notification review to legally market.

Katelyn Bittleman -S

2020.03.29 13:52:23 -04'00'

(Reviewer eSignature)

From: [Virani, Jitendra](#)
To: [Bittleman, Katelyn](#)
Cc: [Gupta, Jay](#)
Subject: Consult Request CON206959 for CPT2000126 -- Rebotix Repair Repairing/Service vs Remanufacturing
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:44:42 PM
Attachments: [image010.png](#)

Hi Katelyn,

As you are aware OHT4 is working on two similar allegation from (b) (4) that two companies are remanufacturing their devices. We discussed one of these company (Restore Robotics) the other day over the phone. We discussed more information was needed from the company to determine if it is repair or remanufacturing. You helped me with drafting some questions to send out to this company to request more information.

The other company is Rebotix Repair. I sent them similar questions we sent to Restore Robotics. Robotix Repair has submitted their response. I have requested a separate subject consult from you to help review this response in below email.

Thank You.
Jit

From: Chris G <chris@rebotixrepair.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for More Information on Rebotix Repair Repairing/Service Activities

Dear Jitendra,

Following are answers to your questions, submitted to us via email on 3-9-20. We feel strongly that the hospital service operations in which we are involved, are safe and effective, as well as conscientious with respect to public health economics.

You refer to 21 CFR 820.3(w) in your introduction. We assume you are referring to the clause that defines the term "remanufacturer". If so, we are confused by this reference since we have only ever seen 21CFR820 applied to a remanufacturer that reprocesses and sells medical devices, as is the case with single use devices which involve sterilization and repackaging. For multiple use devices, many operations such as sharpening and repair, are frequently done by hospitals and third parties. We have never heard of 21CFR820 QSR (which includes design controls) being applied to repair processes performed on multiple use devices or other hospital owned equipment. However, we do believe a formal quality system should be used for all such maintenance.

From the 21 CFR 820.1 Applicability: "(2) The provisions of this part shall be applicable to any finished device as defined in this part, intended for human use, that is manufactured, imported, or offered for import in any State or Territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico." In 820.1(a) we also read that: "This regulation does not apply to manufacturers of

components or parts of finished devices".

Since we supply a service replacement component, and do not manufacture a finished product, we believe this regulation does not apply to us.

Our company did attend the FDA "Public Workshop - Medical Device Servicing and Remanufacturing Activities" (facilitated by Joshua Silverstein) where new potential guidance for service operations was discussed, and feel confident that the service process being discussed here is very consistent with the new ideas being presented for "permissible repairs". However, we (and the hospitals) are trying to understand why this repair is being chosen as a candidate for applying these new regulatory concepts when we have no information of any further activity with the guidance, or any new regulation. If you could help us to understand that we would appreciate it.

Specific to your questions:

1. *What specific devices do you repair? Please provide the device trade names and original manufacturer names.*

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2. *For each device, please describe the specific tasks that are conducting as a part of repairing/servicing?*

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3. *Are you providing service that may extend the lives of devices beyond the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) stated limit. If yes, please provide information on how many additional uses you extend the lives of the devices and how you confirm it remains safe and effective for its intended use (i.e. the performance and safety specifications are not significantly changed from the original performance and safety specifications).*

Yes, hospitals do use this service to operate the instrument beyond the manufacturer's original recommendation, and as we are sure you are aware, this is not at all unusual.

We are confident applying these standard, endoscopic instrument repair processes to the (b) (4), since this is supported by the language below from the 510(k)

approval for the (b) (4) :

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These standard and identical surgical tools have been serviced/sharpened/repared for many years by hospitals all across the USA, and it is true that this often results in a longer life than the manufacturer recommends for a new purchase.

As these devices are multiple-use devices, intended to be cleaned and sterilized by the hospital, the repair process ensures the internal components continue to facilitate proper reprocessing as intended by the OEM. The reprocessing steps for the devices are never altered or intended to be altered.

We do not control uses at the hospital. We simply facilitate the repair/sharpening of their instrument. The hospital decides for each individual instrument based on their evaluation. In fact, it is very common for instruments to be taken out of service prior to reaching the manufacturer's original recommendation because they are not considered sufficiently sharp to continue use. From our broad experience and understanding, hospitals have always had the responsibility to manage the safety of instruments that they own, including making these kinds of maintenance decisions.

Regarding safety and effectiveness, we believe this repair is quite low on the risk spectrum for medical device service operations, but have performed formal risk management for the

aspect of the repair which is related to our component (well beyond state-of-the art for repair processes). The replacement component allows for the resetting of the usage counter ONLY. It is important to note that the small memory device involved is not accessed during the surgical procedure. This information is only accessed during installation onto the host system and prior to the surgeon taking control of the device.

Any instrument being repaired must pass all functional and safety specifications for that devices specific use. For example, a bipolar forcep must pass all standard grasping efficiency tests for a forcep of that size, along with all electrocautery safety and performance testing for that devices rated voltage. A monopolar scissor would have to pass all cutting efficiency tests as well as electrocautery safety and performance testing for its rated voltage.

4. *Do you perform any verification or validation activity(ies) before, during, or after repairing/servicing a device? If so, please describe them. If not, please provide a rationale as to why they are not needed.*

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These records, including formal test and inspection data, are always documented and retained for each repair done by us for the hospital. Our belief is that hospitals maintain an equivalent record when they perform the repairs.

We would be glad to make ourselves available for a follow-up phone call to discuss this and

any other questions you may have about our repair. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Gibson

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From: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 2:17 PM

To: Chris G <chris@rebotixrepair.com>

Subject: Request for More Information on Rebotix Repair Repairing/Service Activities

Dear Chris,

My name is CDR Jitendra Virani and moving forward I will be your FDA contact person for the issues being discussed in the below email chain.

Thank you for your email response dated March 6, 2020. We would like to better understand the activities Rebotix Repair performs as it is important to make sure the repair activities do not significantly change the performance or safety specifications, or intended use as described in 21 CFR 820.3(w). We are asking for more information listed below to confirm that your activities do not require a 510(k) or constitute other regulatory requirements.

1. What specific devices do you repair? Please provide the device trade names and original manufacturer names.
2. For each device, please describe the specific tasks that are conducting as a part of repairing/servicing?
3. Are you providing service that may extend the lives of devices beyond the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) stated limit. If yes, please provide information on how many additional uses you extend the lives of the devices and how you confirm it remains safe and effective for its intended use (i.e. the performance and safety

specifications are not significantly changed from the original performance and safety specifications).

4. Do you perform any verification or validation activity(ies) before, during, or after repairing/servicing a device? If so, please describe them. If not, please provide a rationale as to why they are not needed.

Thank you for continuing to work with us. We look forward to your responses and are happy to discuss any clarifications if needed.

Sincerely,

CDR Jitendra Virani
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From: Chris G <chris@rebotixrepair.com>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 11:59 AM
To: An, Je Hi <Je.An@fda.hhs.gov>; Greg Fiegel <GregFiegel@rebotixrepair.com>
Cc: Virani, Jitendra <jitendra.virani@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up from FDA

Dear Je Hi,

We are happy to provide a clearer description of our current activities in the marketplace. Following your email, we have reviewed and updated our website to better portray our current activities. The phrase "authorized service centers" is currently irrelevant, as there are no longer any third-party service centers in the USA (we have removed this language from our website). The majority of the servicing entities have been hospital service departments, in which repairs are done internal to the

hospital system.

Rebotix Repair carries out two activities in the marketplace:

- Providing a repair component to hospitals to service their instruments, along with instructions and support
- Repair of hospital-owned instruments as a direct service provider to the healthcare institution

There is never any sale or resale of surgical instruments or any other medical device associated with our repair service. There is also never change of ownership. When instruments are repaired outside of the hospital itself, they are carefully tracked by serial number and returned to their original owners. Upon return, they pass through normal processes for similar incoming instruments that temporarily leave the hospital for sharpening, etc.

It is our belief that the original manufacturer, attempting to force a new instrument purchase, is no different than other similar manufacturers encouraging a purchase of new equipment over a repair. Hospitals commonly make safety and efficacy decisions about service operations on medical equipment they own, and we believe our repair service is no different.

We hope that this clarifies our activities and explains our position on why our repair services do not require a 510(k).

Sincerely,

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Cc: Virani, Jitendra <Jitendra.Virani@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: Follow up from FDA

Dear Chris,

This is a follow up our phone conversation with you on February 28, 2020. I also spoke on the phone on February 20, 2020 with Mr. Greg Fiegel and Mr. Joe Morrison regarding your company's activities and I wanted to follow up with you via email to summarize our conversation.

Your company states on your website www.rebotixrepair.com that your technology allows your authorized service centers to inspect and recondition instruments when the original manufacturers attempts to force a new purchase. Based on this information, we believe that a 510(k) is needed before you continue your operation.

You stated that you would provide further description of your activities (for example, inspection and recondition of instruments) and an explanation of why a 510(k) is not needed by March 6, 2020. Please confirm the receipt of this email.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Je Hi

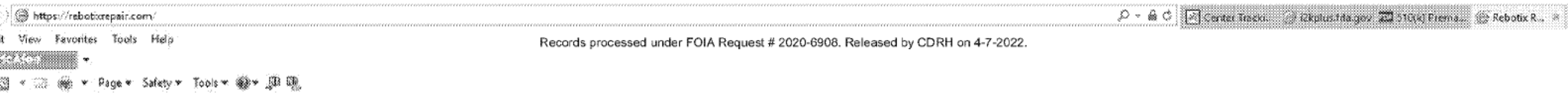
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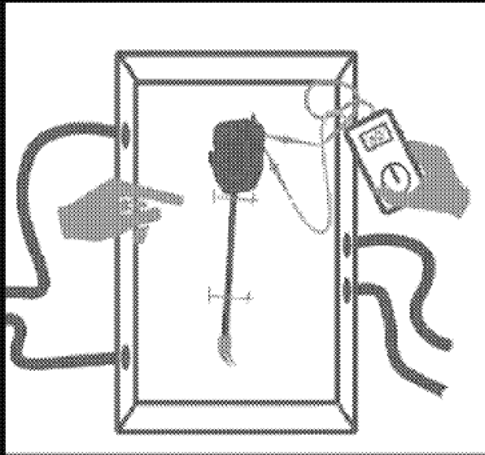
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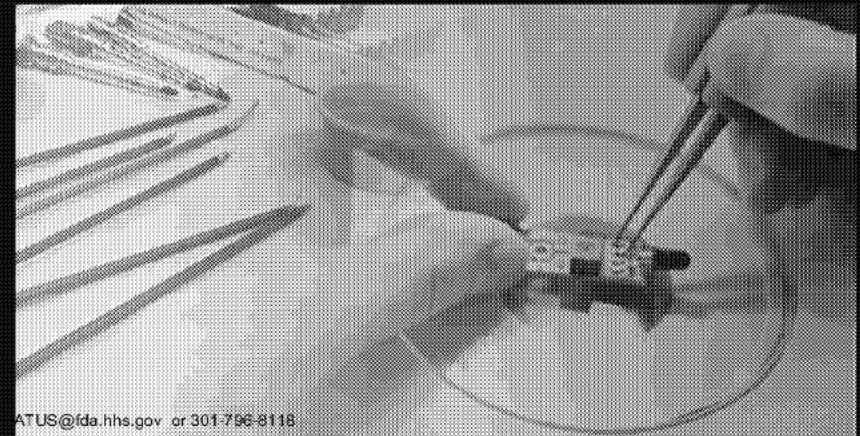
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We provide a specialized service process that puts hospitals back in control of their robotic surgical instruments, as for similar surgical instruments. Our technology allows our authorized service centers to inspect and recondition instruments when the original manufacturer attempts to force a new purchase (that the hospital may consider unnecessary).



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